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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) A total expenditure of about Rs. 1,09,941 (rupees one lakh, nine thousand, nine hundred and forty-one only) has been incurred so far on rubber plantations.

(b) An area of 149 acres has been planted with rubber till now.

(c) Nil. The target area fixed for the current year has already been planted.

SRI A. VEDARATHNAM : முதலில் ஆரம்பித்த ரப்பர்த் தோட்டங்கள் இப்பொழுது பலனளிக்க ஆரம்பித்திருக்கின்றனவா? அவை பலனளிக்க இன்னும் எவ்வளவு காலம் பிடிக்கும்?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : சென்ற ஆண்டில் தான் காட்டிலாகாவினால் துவங்கப்பட்டது. இது பலனளிக்க இன்னும் சில ஆண்டுகள் ஆகும்.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether any income is received by the Government from these Plantations from kumri cultivation and if so, what the amount is?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This is about rubber plantations.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Even in rubber plantations, kumri cultivation is carried on.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : In this area, there is no kumri cultivation.

River-pumping scheme

* 287 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of SRI M. P. SARATHI) : கனம் உள்விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

ஆற்று நீரை இறைத்துப் பயன் படுத்தும் திட்டங்களை (River pumping schemes) நிறைவேற்ற விவசாய, நிலவரி, கூட்டுறவு, மராமத்து இலாக்காக்கள் இணைந்து துரிதமுடன் இயங்க, தனி அதிகாரி நியமிக்க உத்தேசமுண்டா?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

Sugar

* 288 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) the arrangements that are in force for the distribution of sugar;

(b) the quantity of sugar allotted in the last two quarters; and

(c) the quantity of sugar output for the said quarters?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Government of India allot every month 11,000 tons of sugar to this State and this is being reallotted to the stockists in various districts according to their past consumption. The stockists in their turn distribute the stocks to the retailers and bulk consumers according to the permits issued by the Collectors and District Revenue Officers concerned.

(*b*) The quantity of sugar allotted to this State in the last two quarters is 66,000 tons, as follows :—

Quarter ended 30th June 1960	...	...	31,000 tons.
Quarter ended 30th September 1960		...	35,000 tons.

(*c*) The quantity of sugar output by the factories in the Madras State during the said quarters is as follows :—

First quarter (April to June)	...	...	14,181·4 tons.
Second quarter (July to September)		...	16,560·79 tons.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Did the Government receive any complaint from any quarter regarding the paucity of sugar-supply, and if so, may I know the steps taken by the Government to remove the reasons for the complaint?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The persistent complaint that I have been receiving from various quarters—co-operative stores, producers, factory-owners, co-operative sugar factories—is that there is a surplus of sugar which is unsold. They fear that they will be incurring a loss. Therefore, I am addressing the Government of India that they need not send North Indian sugar for at least two months.

Irrigation (Cauvery delta)

* 289 *Q.*—SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to introduce the turn-system of supply of water for irrigation in the Cauvery delta from 15th September 1960; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The turn system has been introduced from 1st of October this year, i.e., a few days earlier than the usual date followed every year.

(*b*) By the introduction of the turn system, the supply will be distributed between Cauvery and Vennar on the basis of " High Turn " and " Low Turn " supply for which quotas have been fixed. For the first 3½ days in the week, Cauvery will get " High Turn " supply and Vennar " Low Turn " supply and vice versa in the next 3½ days. In Grand Anicut Canal slightly reduced supplies will be drawn depending on the condition of crops and their actual requirements of water.